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1AOKM, S.M.O.M. Activity during the first part of the week was probably the work of a pirate. Usually the group that activates this station will announce when they will be on the air. SYGS! (Save Your Green Stamp)

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. Just a reminder that Neville, G3NUG, will be active from three islands off the west coast of West Malaysia during January and February. His callsign will be 9M2/G3NUG and he prefers the frequencies 14260 and 18140 kHz (both +/- 5 kHz). Look for him on: Pangkor Is. (AS-072) from January 14-21, Langkawi Is. (AS-058) from January 22-28 and Penang Is. (AS-016) from January 29 to February 10. Neville mentions that there has been no activity from AS-072 and AS-058 for about three years. All direct QSL request will be cleared by the end February. QSL via CBA.

BV9P, PRATAS ISLAND. A group consisting of BV5AF, BV2AP, BV4AS, BV40B and OH2BH were active from here on January 5th, for about 4 hours. It was reported that lots of VK and JA stations were heard calling the BV9P station on 14255 and 14260 kHz. There were no reports from anyone stateside that could not hear BV9P. Martti, OH2BH/VR2BH, was heard saying that another DXpedition would take place in March. Other reports also indicate that the BV9P group made about 630 QSOs with JA, BV and VK stations, and one single KH6 contact before going QRT.

EI4VRU CARDS. Barry, N2PNG, who has just returned from Ireland, states he made 1800 QSOs in the limited time he had to operate. There are two QSL routes available to use: N2PNG CBA or Barry Kennedy, POB 222, Austinburg, Ohio 44010.

HKO, MALPELO & GORGOLA ISLANDS. Ermanno was very active from Malpelo this past week as I2RAO/HKO (not IT2RAO/HKO as reported last week). He has gone QRT as of January 8th, but will returning on the air from Gorgola Island (in the Valle/Cauca Division group) January 12-15. It is unsure what this island will count for, so WFWL. There are many who hope his Malpelo operation will count (KYFC!).

HS, THAILAND. Fred, K3ZO, will be arriving in Thailand January 8th and returning on February 15th. During his time there, he will activate the club station HSOAC with his personal Thailand call, HSOZAR. Fred plans to be very active on 40 meter CW, both morning and evening gray line paths. He states the bottom end of 40 meters is full of CB'ers from

Indonesia on SSB, so look for him above 7015 kHz (sometimes even as high as 7030, but not down on the very low end of the band). In regards to 80 meters, it is not normally permitted for amateurs to operate in Thailand, but he has asked for special permission to use the band from 2200z, February 4th thru 1700z February 6th, CW only. If he gets this permission, ("Which is by no means assured," states Fred) look for him around 3513 KHz. There will be no skeds or nets!

Just a reminder that Reiner, DL2VK, is now active as HS0/DL2VK until January 31st. He will be active on all modes (mostly on CW) including PACTOR.

P5DTG INFORMATION. For the many stations that worked P5DTG back in November of 1992, here is some bad news. Responses are being received from Josef, OK1DTG, the QSL Manager and Operator stating that the P5DTG operation was an unlicensed operation. The information was printed on Josef's OK1DTG QSL card with the QSO information blank and lined-through and the operators call on it.

PYO, ST. PETER & ST. PAUL ROCKS. According to the son of PS7KM the planned three week DXpedition by four Brasilian operators to St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks that was to start January 10th, will be delayed until January 20th and will only be for two weeks. There were no reasons given for the delay. The group plans to have two stations working 24 hours a day from 160 to 6 meters on CW/SSB/RTTY/Packet. QSL SSB/RTTY/6m contacts to PS7KM and all CW contacts to PT7WA.

S2, BANGLADESH. K4MZU reports working Manju, S21AM, around 1240Z on 20 meters longpath. Manju is a Bangladesh national and is newly licensed. QSL to P0 Box 4000, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh.

DXCC HAPPENINGS. Another "Application For New DXCC Country" status was sent to the DXAC. Actually this application was a request to reinstate Aldabra Atoll to the DXCC Countries List. The application was filed by Kurt Bindschedler, HB9MX/S79MX, who was active from Aldabra November 1st and 2nd in 1993. Kurt believes Aldabra qualifies under the DXCC Criteria rule, "Point 1: by virtue of Governmet." Aldabra was deleted from the DXCC List, June 28, 1976. All contacts now made June 29, 1976 and after with Aldabra counts towards Seychelles (S7). Kurt states, "the Seychelles government is the administrative authority for all outlying islands with the exception of Aldabra. Aldabra is administered by non-governmental, non-profit scientific and conservation organization SIF (Seychelles Island Foundation). SIF consists of a board of trustees, the execxtive officer and several foreign well reputed personalities as members, with offices on Mahe and in London." Here are the coordinates: Longitude is 46 deg. 20 min. east / Latitude is 9 deg. 25 min. south.

KEEP THOSE BALLOTS COMING! (Only a 3 weeks to go!) Ballots for the Third Annual OPDX/NODXA DX Survey can be found in OPDX.137. Ballots can be sent to the following packet and online addresses listed below.

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